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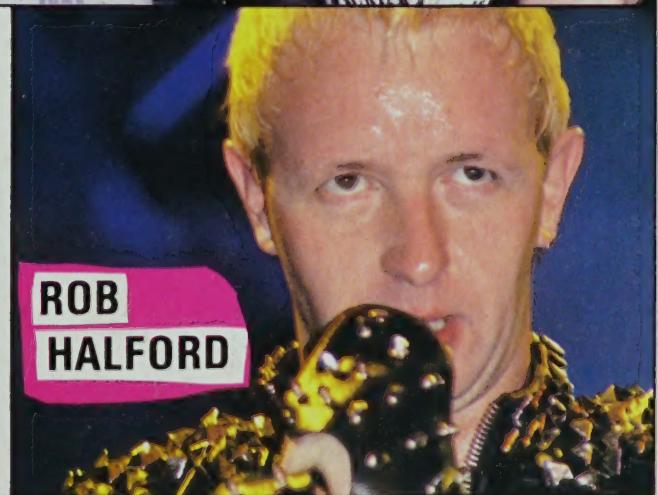
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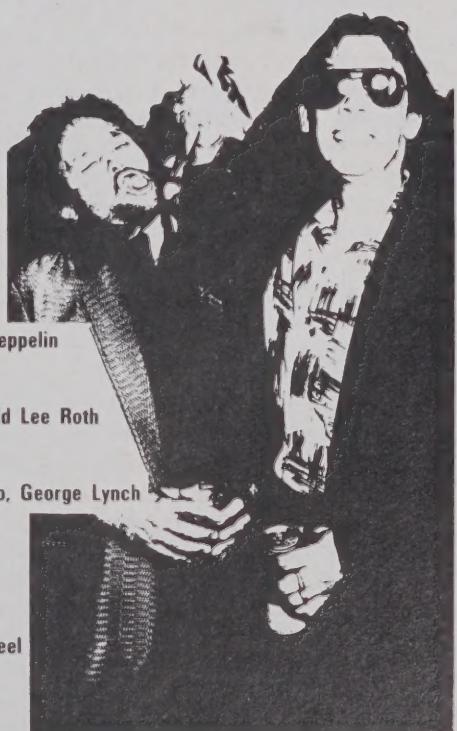
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Metallica (left to right): Kirk Hammett, James Hetfield, Lars Ulrich, Cliff Burton.

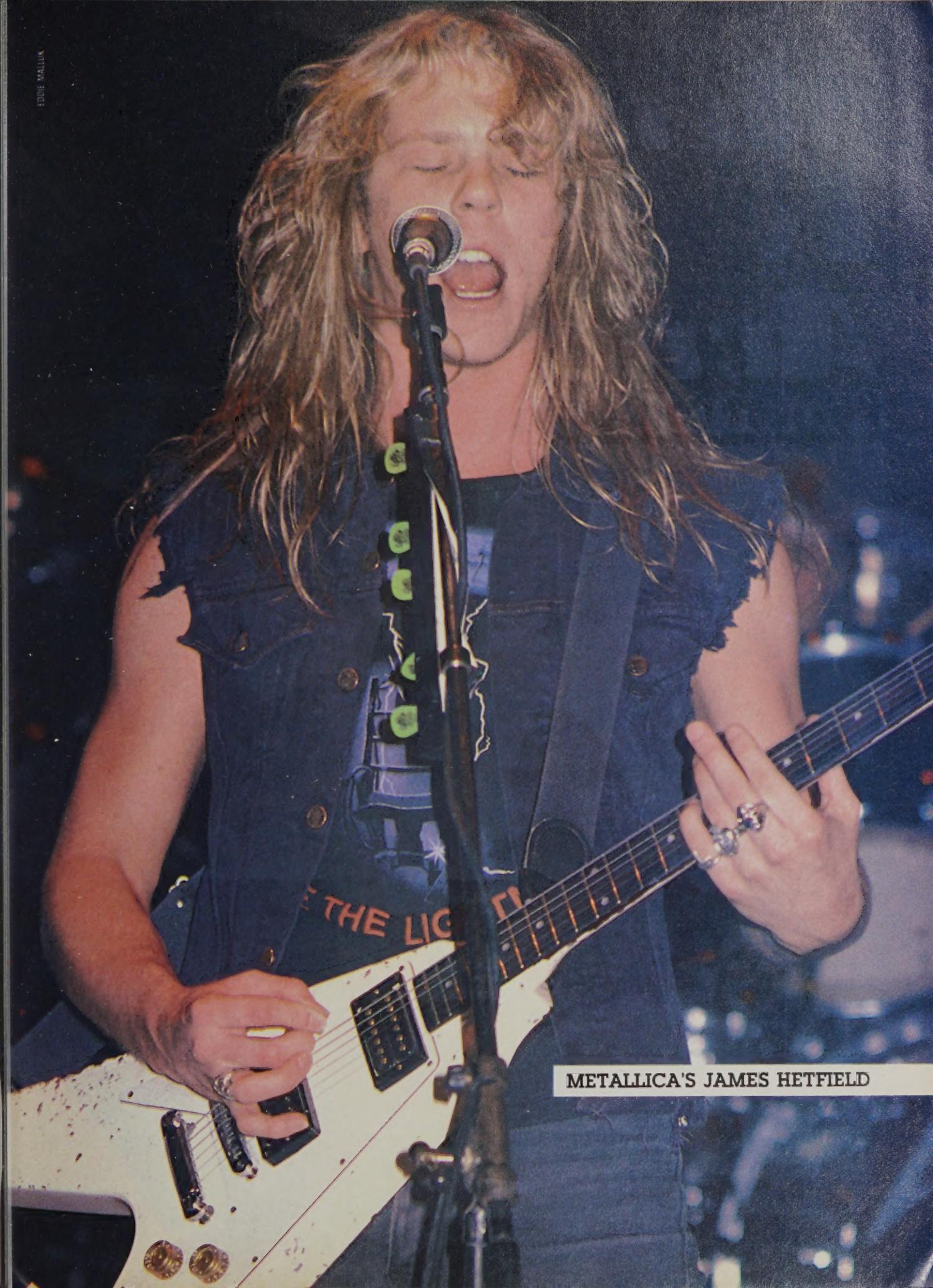
METALLICA MASTERS OF METAL

Don't listen to so-called experts. If you do, then you'll still believe that a pure power metal band that doesn't rely on makeup or wild on-stage theatrics can never make it in today's "sophisticated" rock world. And if you do believe that, just don't tell the guys in Metallica. These four West Coast wildmen have managed to convert their fondness for slashing metal chords and sandpaper vocals into one of the major success stories of the year. Their second major-label release, *Master Of Puppets*, has shown that music played with conviction and skill is still what the metal masses want.

"We've always done things our own way," drummer Lars Ulrich stated. "Sure, we've heard that a group that looked and sounded like ours would never be anything but a cult band. That made us laugh because we didn't care. We never considered how popular we could become or how many albums we could sell. We made the music we liked, and if other people could get into it, then that was great. If they couldn't, we understood. But it is really nice that the new album has done so well. The record company was saying, 'Hey, give us short songs this time.' We didn't, and the people liked it — that's got to say something."



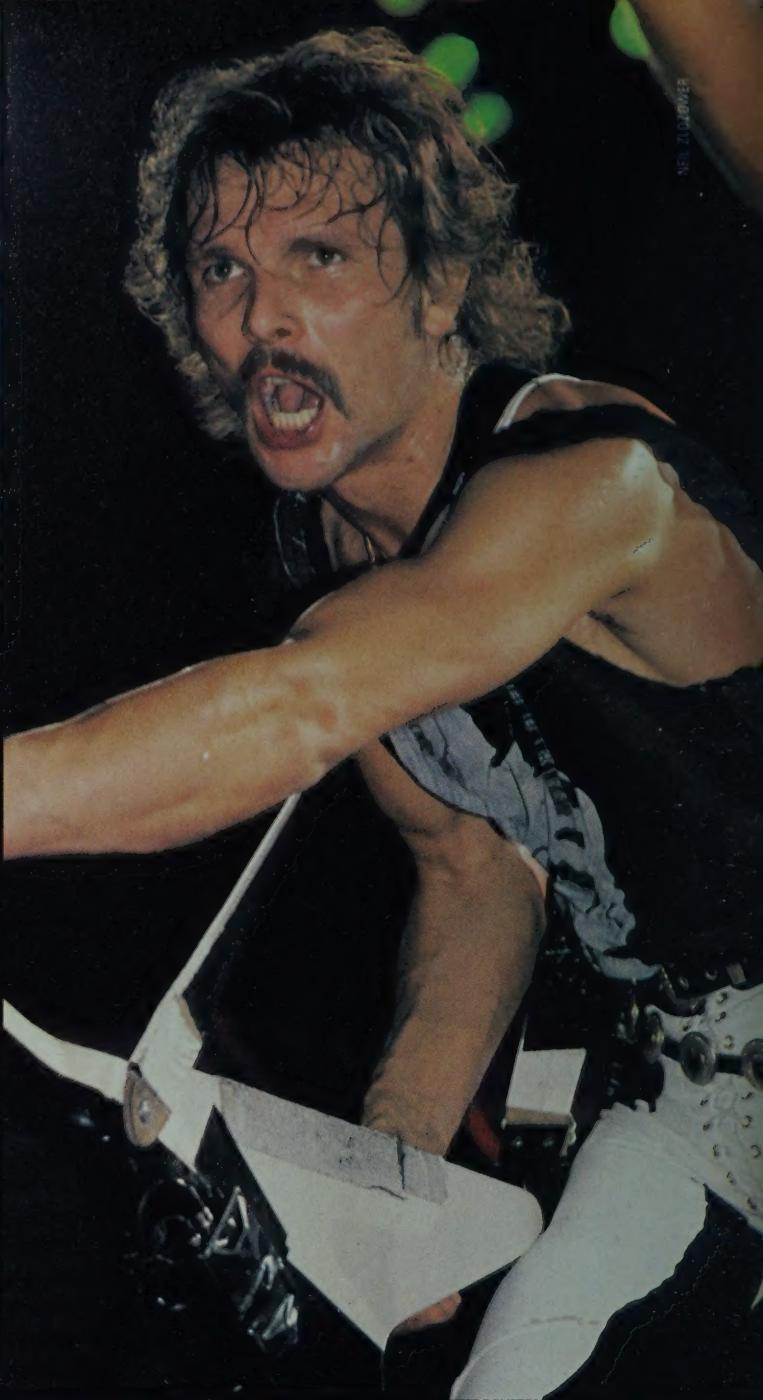
Lars and Kirk: "We've always done things our way."



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▲ Rudolf Schenker of the Scorpions

Ratt's Juan Croucier: "Usually people run pictures of Stephen or Robbin. I don't really care. I know I have my fans out there."

Motley Crue's Nikki Sixx: "Hey, we've never told anyone how they should do anything. All these people who protest against us are full of shit. We're just telling people to have a good time — what's wrong with that?"



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Back in 1967 Page (upper right) teamed with another guitar hero, Jeff Beck (lower left), to make the Yardbirds one of rock's first supergroups.

THROUGH THE YEARS WITH JIMMY PAGE



The Mighty Zep (left to right): Jimmy Page, John Bonham, Robert Plant, John Paul Jones.



PETER MAZEL

Shortly after the Yardbirds' demise in 1968, Page put together a "New Yardbirds." But following the suggestion of Who drummer Keith Moon, he soon changed that group's name to Led Zeppelin.

Over the last two decades, few figures have played a more important role in shaping the sound and style of the metal empire than Mr. James Patrick Page. From his earliest days with the Yardbirds, through his golden age with Led Zeppelin, and right up to his current accomplishments with the Firm, Page has survived a myriad of personal and professional problems to emerge as the quintessential guitar hero. Let's now take a photo journey through the years with the one and only Jimmy Page.

When Zeppelin broke apart following Bonham's death in 1980, it took Page nearly four years before he again took the stage during the ARMS Benefit shows.



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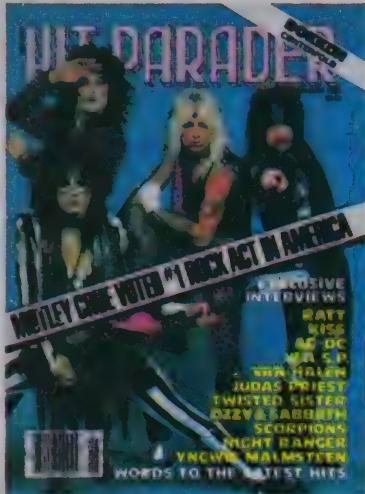
Having had his confidence built by the crowd's warm response to him during the ARMS performances, Page put together the Firm with vocalist Paul Rodgers. (Left to right): Page, drummer Chris Slade, Rodgers, bassist Tony Franklin.



Despite the Firm's success with their second LP, *Mean Business*, reports continue to circulate that Page may soon be getting back together with Page and Jones to reform Zeppelin.

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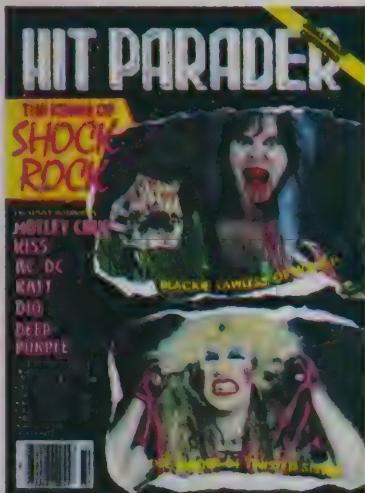
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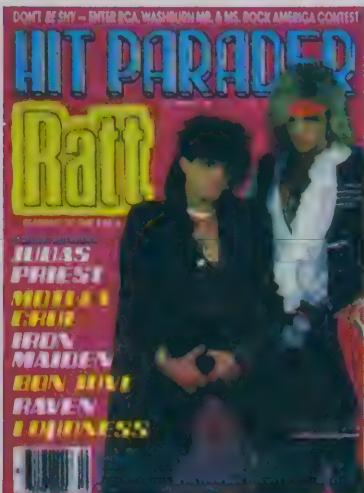
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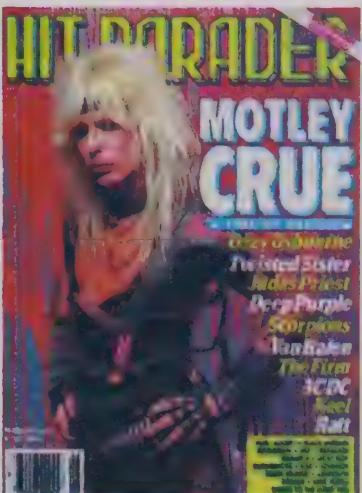
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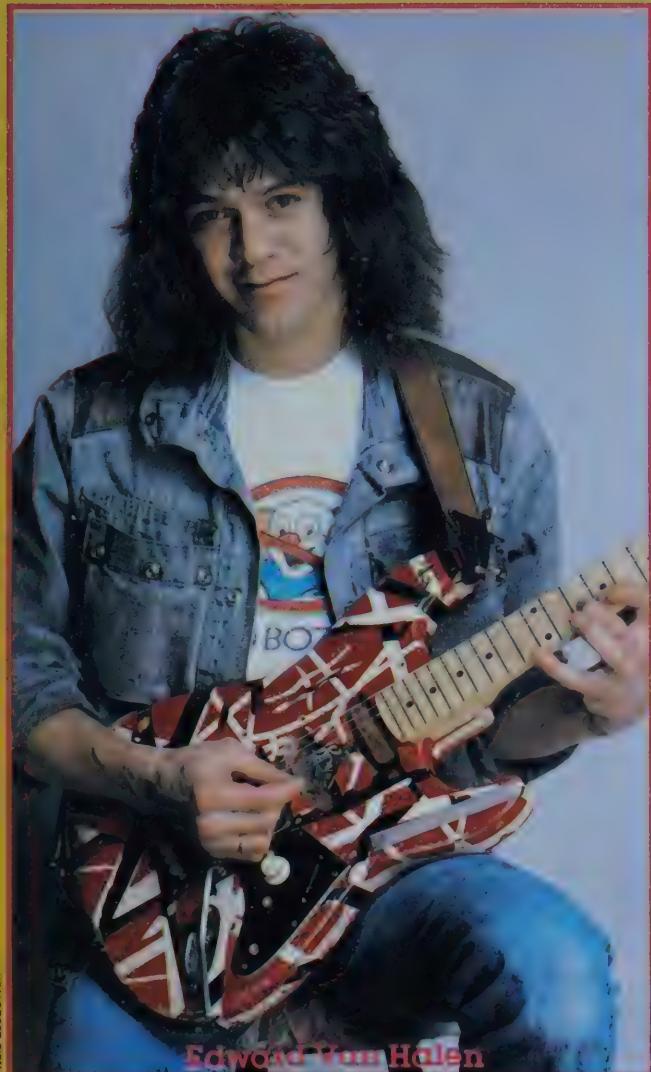
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Sammy Hagar: "Working with these guys is really a dream come true for me. I know that sounds like the standard load of crap, but it's really true."

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NO LOOKING BACK

With the release of *5150* a few months back, a new era began for Van Halen. The war of words that had been raging in the press since the departure of David Lee Roth, was replaced by new sounds which emphatically proved that this version of Van Halen packed

the same sonic wallop as its illustrious predecessor. Sure, arguments will continue to rage concerning whether new man-about-town Sammy Hagar can ever replace Diamond Dave at the VH helm, but the bottom line is that with Edward and Alex Van Halen,

along with trusty side-kick Michael Anthony, still on the scene, the mighty VH rock steamroller is still one of the most potent musical forces around.

"There's nothing wrong with change — as long as you improve from it," Alex Van Halen stated. "And that's what's happened to this band. We've changed, but only for the better. When you listen to the new album you're hearing a band that's really testing itself. We're totally happy with the music we're making for the first time in a long time. There's no compromise in this group. We know what we want and we know how to get it. What it boils down for us now is that if we think something sounds good, then it is good. After some of the problems we've had in the past, it's great to be able to have an attitude like that."



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The Metal Report

The surprise firing of Vivian Campbell by Ronnie James Dio was sparked, according to those close to the scene, by Campbell's unwillingness to break off his relationship with his girlfriend. It seems that the lady had a penchant for referring to Ronnie in less-than-glowing terms to anyone who would listen — even going so far as to call the band "a living version of Spinal Tap." When Ronnie asked Vivian to get rid of her, Campbell refused, thus causing his unexpected expulsion from the band. Fortunately, both Dio and Campbell landed on their feet with the guitarist beginning a solo album, and the band replacing Vivian with former Giuria axe slinger Craig Goldie.



MARK WEISS



Will Bad Company be reforming? In the wake of all the Led Zeppelin reformation rumors, it seems that Firm vocalist Paul Rodgers contacted old cohorts Simon Kirke, Boz Burrell and Mick Ralphs about getting back together if Jimmy Page were to leave the Firm. Apparently all agreed that such a situation would be a great deal of fun (and potentially profitable), so a tentative September 1 date to reform was given. The next step remains with Page who must decide how serious he is about reforming the mighty Zep.



VINNIE ZUFFANTE

The war of words between former bandmates Edward Van Halen and David Lee Roth rages on. A few weeks back, Roth was overheard when he loudly made some cutting remarks about Edward's wife, actress Valerie Bertinelli. While there was never any love lost between Roth and Bertinelli, David's savage attack infuriated Edward to the point where he was thinking of taking legal action. "It's not enough he's making a fool of himself, but he's got to start picking on my wife," EVH said. "I feel sorry for him, and I hate to think what might be next."



Twisted Sister's Dee Snider admits to being a bit perplexed over the band's next career move. Following the disappointing performance of their **Come Out And Play** LP and tour, Dee and the boys have been reconsidering their career direction. "It's crazy," he said. "We're caught in the middle. The real metal people think we're too pop. The pop people think we're too metal. What do you do? I think the only thing we can do is stick to our guns and be what Twisted Sister has always been."



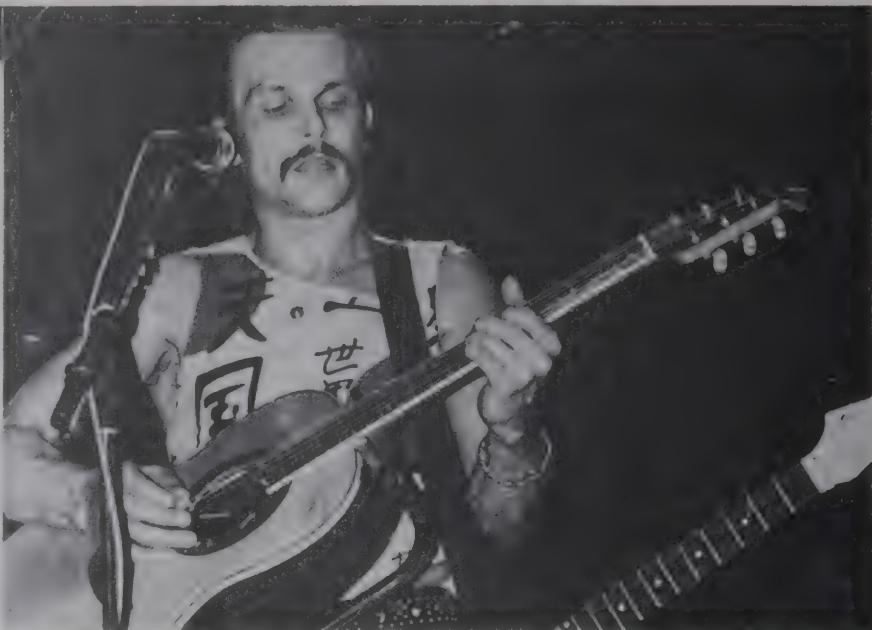
The often discussed feud between Don Dokken and guitarist George Lynch has evidently taken a turn for the better. "Yeah, it has," Don said with a laugh. "We just don't deal with one another unless we have to. There's nothing particularly hostile about that. It's more that we realized that we're both better off that way. We'll never see eye to eye on a lot of things, but we also know that we need each other musically. It's a marriage that stays together for the sake of the kid our music."



Ozzy Osbourne admits that working with his new band has totally revitalized his career. "Playing with Jake, Phil and Randy has made me feel ten years younger," the Oz says. "Before, I was working with people I felt comfortable with — old British farts just like me. I realized I needed some new young blood that would kick me in the ass. That's exactly what they've done, and I love them with all my heart for doing it."

The Metal Report

Rumors continue to fly that the Scorpions are having some internal squabbles over guitarist Rudolf Schenker's decision to split his time between writing material for the Scorpions' new LP, **Passion Ruler**, and working on the new album by his brother Michael. Those close to the situation report that the band — especially vocalist Klaus Meine — is annoyed over Rudolf's split-allegiance. "The Scorpions must always come first with us," the vocalist stated. "That is the attitude that got us to where we are today."



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Deep Purple's Roger Glover recently told the *Metal Report* that he feels the pressure will be much greater on the band this time around. "When we recorded the last album (**Perfect Strangers**) we expected it to be successful on the curiosity factor alone," he said. "We knew there would be interest in it by people who just wanted to see if we could still do it. Now that we've proven we can, they'll be expecting a great LP this time. It's our goal not to disappoint them."



Iron Maiden are currently putting the finishing touches on their next LP, **Somewhere In Time**. The album, recorded in Compass Point Studios in the Bahamas, will break new ground for the band, according to vocalist Bruce Dickinson. "We're never satisfied to sit back and depend on formulas," he said. "Every time we're trying to evolve and grow. This album is certainly no exception. There are some new and exciting ideas, and I'm sure our fans will find it very interesting, to say the least."



"I think the band's been doing a lot of things right and that's exciting to us."



LARRY BUSACCA

Queensryche's Michael Wilton: "Geoff Tate's the real mouth of the band, but on stage I try to get the crowd excited as much as I can."

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PARTY ON TOUR WITH...

We've all heard about the lunacy that follows Ozzy Osbourne around wherever he goes. Well, here's your opportunity to get a behind-the-scenes look at Ozmania as we go partying on tour with the madman himself.



"When we wear these hats nobody recognizes us," Ozzy and Vince explain.



"Jake and I are on the Haagen-Dazs diet."

MARSH WEISS

OZZY OSBOURNE



Ozzy has a warm greeting for former band member Carmine Appice.



"Oh Ozzy, you are without question the sexiest, most talented man in the world," wife/manager Sharon tells an obviously pleased Big O.



The Oz gets friendly with a fan. Hubba hubba.



Ozzy and Heaven's Allan Fryer strike a friendly pose after tying for first place in the "Chubbiest Singer in Metal" contest.

MARK WEISS

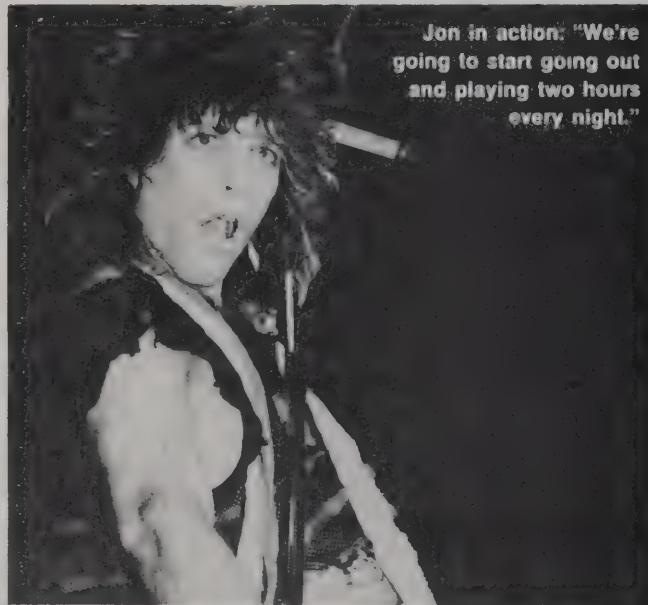
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BOB LEAFE



Jon and the boys: "We feel we're ready to really hit the big time."



Jon in action: "We're going to start going out and playing two hours every night."

Jon Bon Jovi knows that 1986 could be his year. He knows that the pressure is on, but he couldn't be happier. With the release of his third LP, and the beginning of his first headlining U.S. tour, this good looking New Jersey native feels that all the pieces are falling into place for him. Yes, he knows that the eyes of the rock scene (as well as his countless female admirers) are on him, but Jon likes the idea of working with the world focused squarely in his direction. His ability to write hard rocking anthems as well as sensual ballads has made him a multi-talented threat who just might emerge as rock's next big "crossover" superstar. It's not an idea that upsets him.

"I really haven't considered getting into things like acting or television," Jon explained. "But who knows? Anything's possible. Right now my only concern is making the best music I can. That's my first love and my true love; anything else at this point is really secondary. I put a lot of blood, sweat and tears into every note I write, and I don't have the ability to start thinking about other aspects of my career and still give my all to the music. Maybe other things will come along later in my career, but all I want to do now is get on stage for two hours every night and rock my ass off."

BON JOVI -



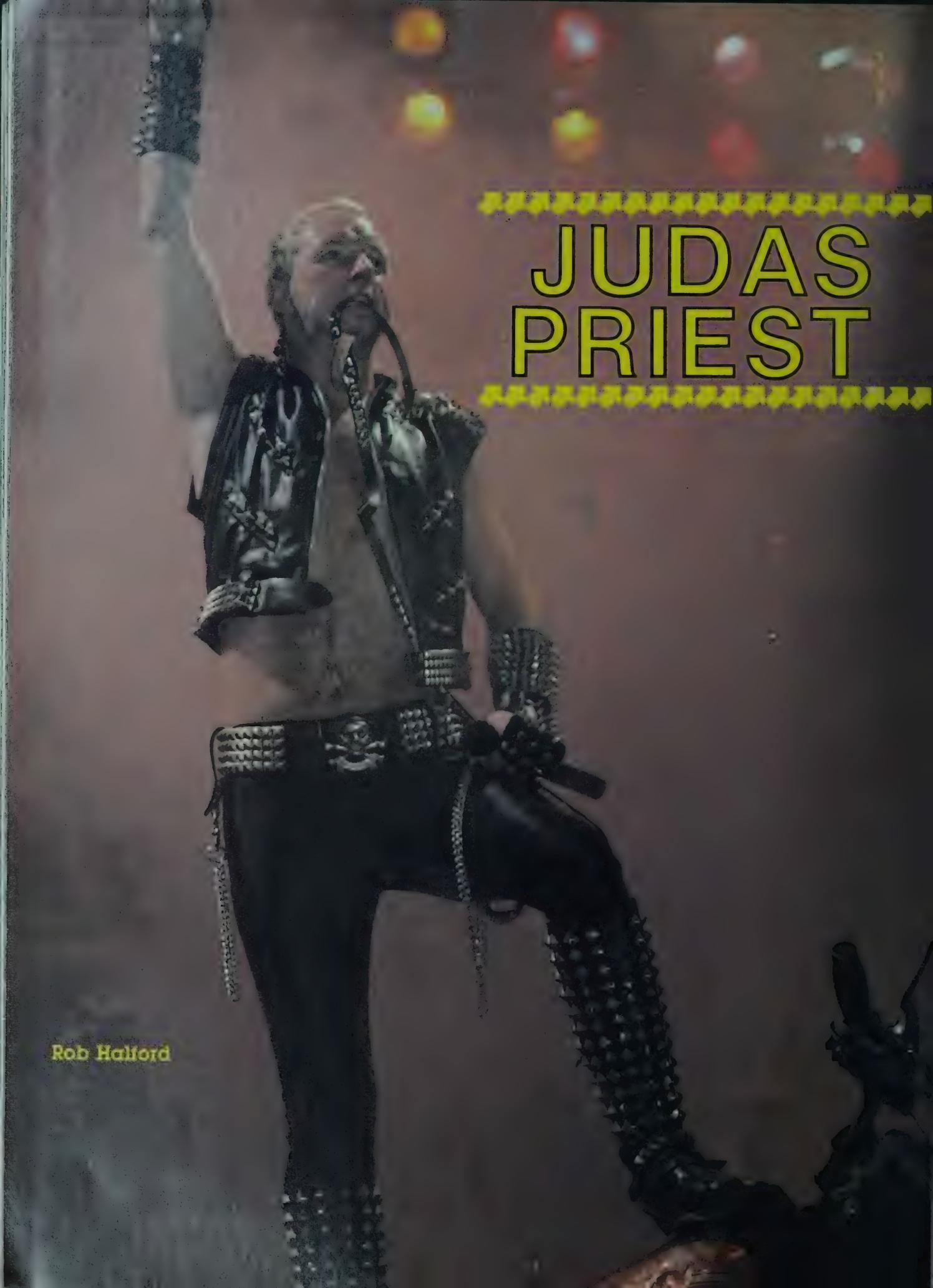
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JUDAS PRIEST

Rob Halford

KINGS OF TURBO METAL

A true champion will always respond to a challenge, and no one can deny that Judas Priest remain the metal champions. Despite the glut of young bands who have recently attempted to usurp the British Bashers from their rightful place atop the metal mountain, Rob Halford, Glenn Tipton, K.K. Down-

ing, Dave Holland and Ian Hill have once again shown that they remain the most awesome group around. With their latest LP, *Turbo*, reestablishing their stellar credentials via such instant classics as *Parental Guidance* and *Turbo Lover*, these metal legends seem intent on showing that young bands may come and go,

but true legends just keep on going forever.

"It's very rewarding to know that many bands respect Judas Priest and what we've accomplished over the years," Tipton said. "We've always tried to be as encouraging as possible to any young heavy metal band, and that respect has always been returned in kind."

We know what we're capable of doing, and we never look upon another band as competition. We can remember when there were only one or two metal bands touring anywhere. That's why we welcome every band that wants to join us in playing the greatest music in the world — heavy metal."



Glenn Tipton: "We've always been as encouraging as possible to young heavy metal bands."



K.K. Downing: "Turbo is a very positive album because it was released in spring, and we didn't think we should sing about death at that time of year."

THE NEW FACES OF METAL



Anthrax: This New York quintet recently did a national tour with Black Sabbath.



Cities: These New York rockers are predicted to be the next big thing in metal.



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Sweet Savage: Pretty boys from Texas who know how to rock!



Virginia Wolf: Featuring the talents of drummer Jason Bonham — son of Bonzo (far left).



**WOMEN
IN METAL**

**A SPECIAL
REPORT**



BUTCH STAR

Wendy O. Williams: The original High Priestess Of Heavy Metal has recently returned to the scene with a new album and tour.

Darby Mills of Headpins: "You can use being a woman to your advantage very easily if you want to. If you treat guys right, you can get them to do just about anything for you."

A full-page photograph of a woman with voluminous, blonde, curly hair. She is wearing a dark, sequined, zip-up jacket over a black top. A belt with the word "BITCH" in large, metallic letters cinches her waist. She is holding a lit cigarette in her right hand and a small, ornate glass in her left hand. The background is dark and textured.

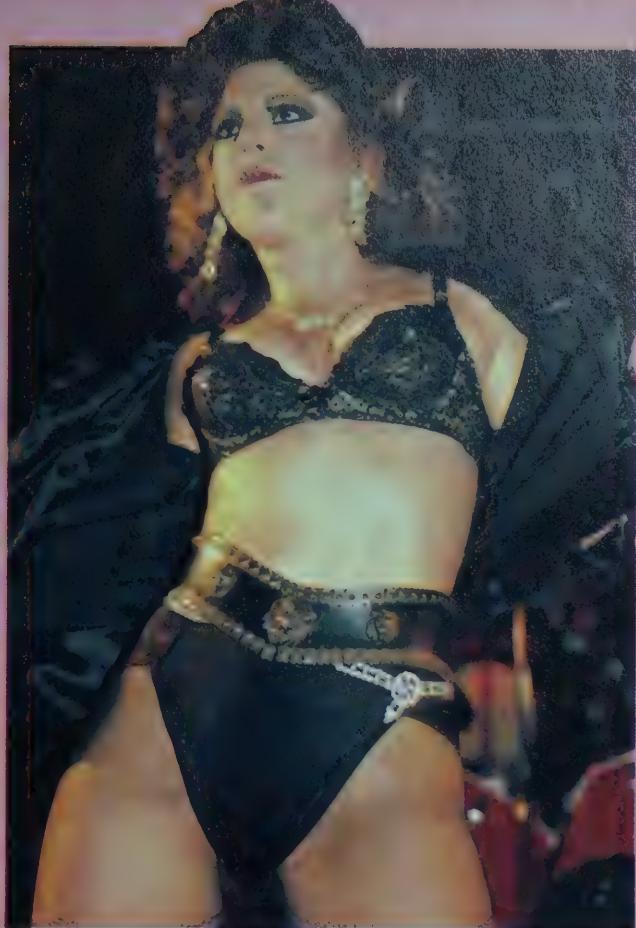
Lita Ford

WOMEN IN METAL

A SPECIAL REPORT

No less an authority than Kiss' Paul Stanley once said that you need balls to play heavy metal. What follows are seven talented young women who would like to make Stanley eat his words. They're only the most visible of a new generation of women who know that anyone anywhere can rally to the heavy metal cause.

Betsy Bitch: This L.A. rocker is fond of taking whips and ▷ chains on stage with her.



NEIL A. CALANDRA/LGI



Mary Ann Scandiflio of Blacklace: "I think a woman's voice is better suited than a man's for singing heavy metal. Guitars play in a high register similar to a woman's voice."

Lee Aaron



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VINNIE ZUFFANTE/STAR FILE



"I swear Jimmy, the key to happiness is finding a pair of jockey shorts that don't ride up."



"And when we catch that darn horse rustler we're gonna string him up but good," Al and Mike warn us.

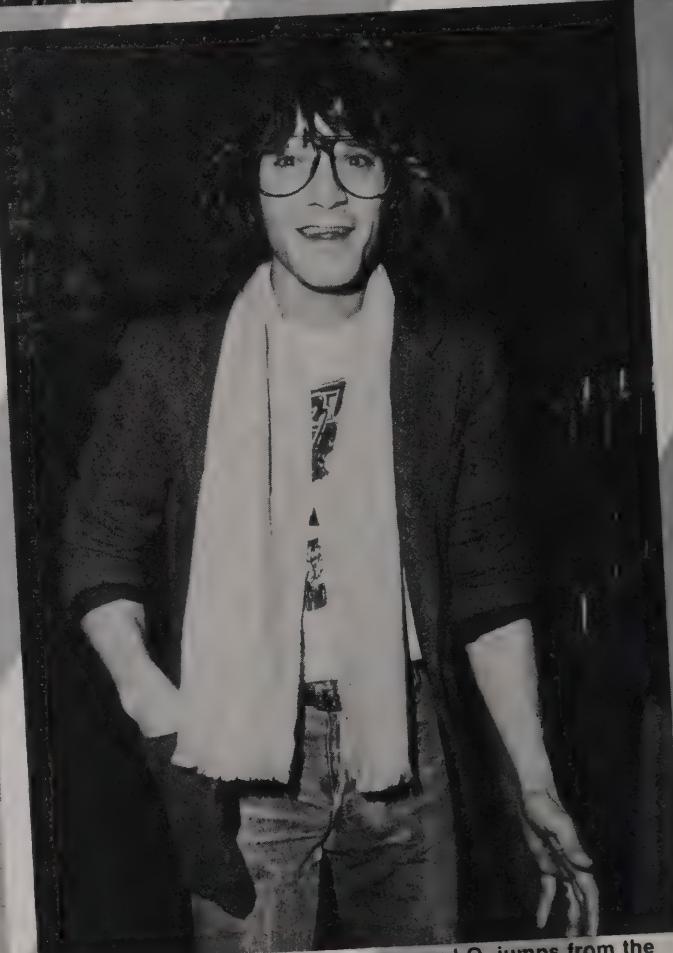


"I've seen better heads on beer," nasty Lita sneers.



VINNIE ZUFFANTE/STAR FILE

"I'll tell you Bruce, stealing this glove from Michael Jackson wasn't easy," Nikki reveals.



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"When I slip on my Super Glasses, my I.Q. jumps from the level of a bumbling doof to that of a near-genius," that always sarcastic Eddie tells us.



"Hey, don't you ever get me confused with Madonna again,"
warns an angry Jay Jay.



Fiona believes the disposable laundry will one day be a major growth industry.



"Yes, I promise I'll finish my vocal tracks for the new album by 1991," Joe Elliott squeals.



JANET MACOSKA

To insure his future success, Jon Bon Jovi has now purchased 651,736 copies of his latest album.



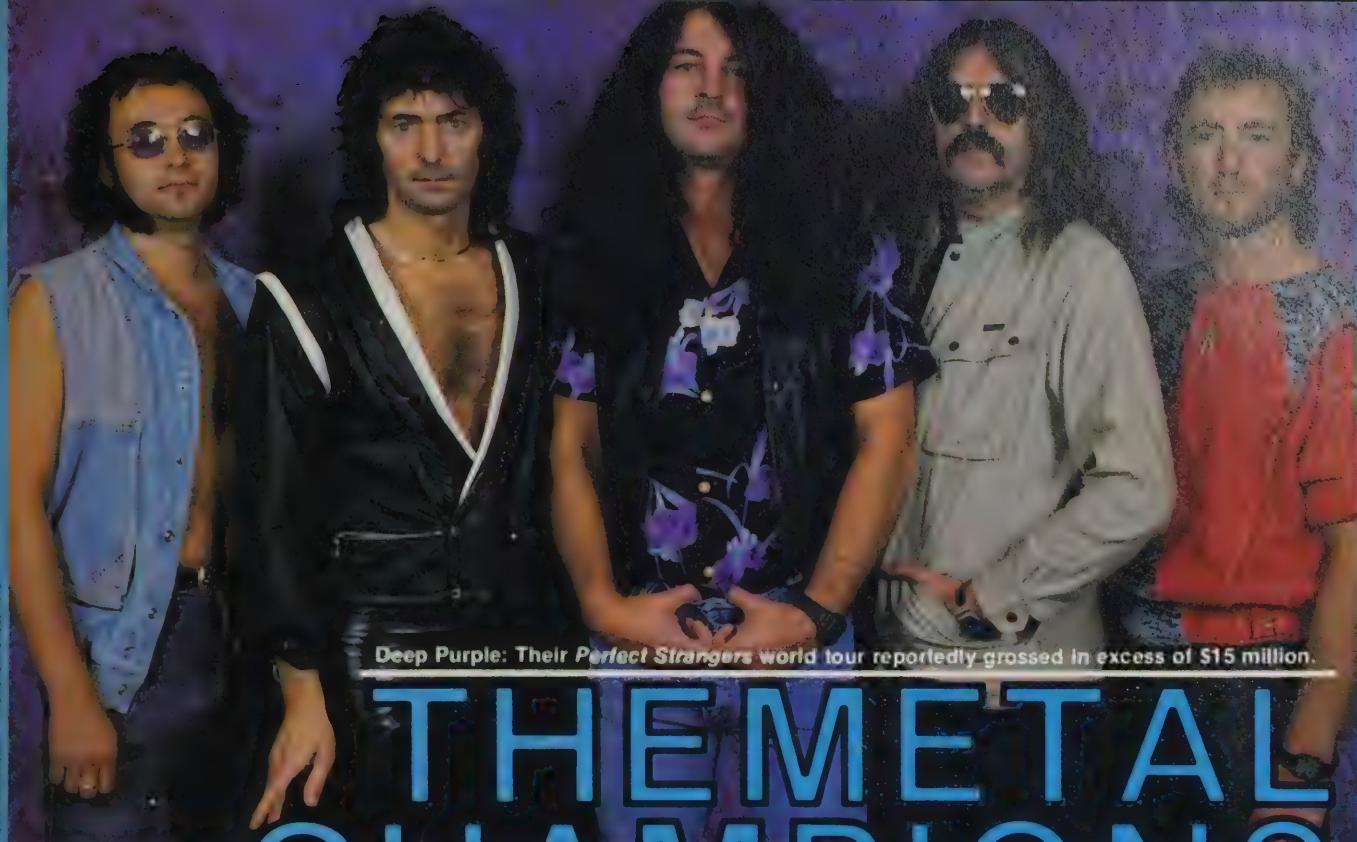
EDDIE MALLUK

Living up to his name of "Mr. Science" Robbin Crosby demonstrates how the magnetic properties of his face repel a slice of tomato-smeared bread.



JODI SUMMERS DORLAND

Oh no! Angus is still being held captive by his evil twin, Schmangus.



Deep Purple: Their *Perfect Strangers* world tour reportedly grossed in excess of \$15 million.

THE METAL CHAMPIONS

Throughout its history, heavy metal has been a medium dominated by its superstars — those bands capable of selling millions of albums and filling the biggest arenas. We now take a look at some of the true champions of the metal realm.



Def Leppard: Their LP, *Pyromania*, has sold over six million copies worldwide since its 1983 release.



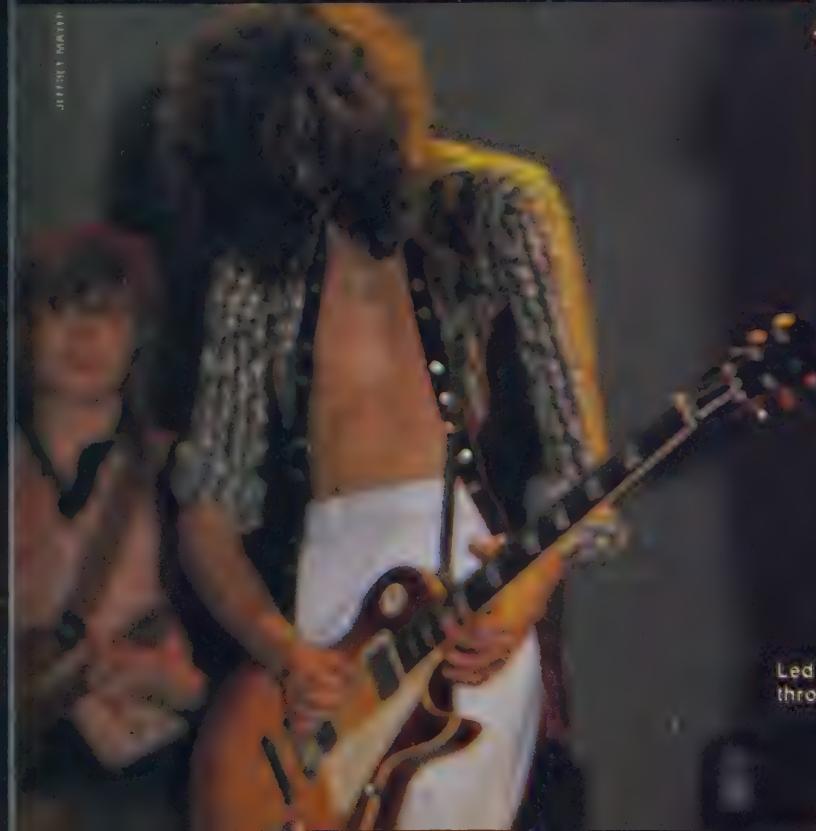
AC/DC's Brian Johnson and Angus Young. Their 1980 release *Back in Black*, holds the metal record sales record, sold over eight million copies.



Kiss' Gene Simmons: When the band was at its commercial peak in 1975, they performed in front of over two million people in a six month period.



Led Zeppelin: Their albums have sold over 20 million copies throughout the world.





Iron Maiden's Bruce Dickinson: The band's *Powerslave* world tour lasted an incredible 13 months, and took the band behind the Iron Curtain as well as to the United States, Europe, Asia, Australia and South America.

SUPER ROCK T-SHIRTS & POSTERS



Iron Maiden
V-D-C-T-J-S-P-A
X-E-B-K-Y-Z-G



Motley Crue
V-D-C-T-J-S-P-B
A-X-E-K-Y-Z-G



DIO
V-D-C-T-J-S-P-A
X-E-B-K-Y-Z



Twisted Sister
V-D-C-T-J
P-K-E-G



Bon Jovi
P-T-J-K-A



AC/DC
D-T-J-S-P-A-X
E-B-K-Y-Z



David Lee Roth
P



Randy Rhoads
T-J-P-A-K



Van Halen
T-J-S-P-A-X-E-K-Y



Ozzy Osbourne
J-D-C-T-S-P-A
K-E-B-Y-Z



Paul Stanley
P



Scorpions
D-C-T-J-P-A-E-Y-X



Madonna
D-T-S-P-A-K



Aerosmith
P-T-S-J



Miami Vice
P-T



Jimmy Page
P-J



Billy Idol
T-L-C-P-A-X
E-K-Y-Z



Bryan Adams
P



Led Zeppelin
D-T-J-S-P-A-X
E-B-K-Y-Z



Power Station
P-T-A-K



Robert Plant
T-J-P



KISS
V-D-C-T-J-S-P
A-X-E-K-Z-G



Judas Priest
V-U-C-T-S-P-A-X
E-B-K-Y-Z-G



U2
V-U-C-T-S-P-A-X
E-B-K-Y-Z-G



Accept
T-J-S-P-A-X
E-B-K-Y-Z



W.A.S.P.
V-U-C-T-S-P-A-X
E-B-K-Y-Z-G



Ratt
D-T-J-S-P-A-X
E-B-K-Y-Z-G



Raven
P-T

MORE OF YOUR FAVORITE ROCK STARS

Asia	T,J,P,E
Go-Go's	T,J,P
James Bond 007	T
Clint Eastwood	T,J,P
Quiet Riot	T,P,D,T,Z,X,Y
Bruce Springstein	S,T,J
Dokken	T
Metallica	P,K,J
Black & Blue	T
Krokus	T,J,S
Y & T	T,P,K,J
Black Sabbath	T,J,P,D,S,C,A,X,E,B
Huey Lewis	T,J,S,C,P
Grateful Dead	T,J,S,P,A,E
Lynyrd Skynyrd	T,J,C,P,A,E
Rolling Stones	T,J,P,A,X,E,K
Jimi Hendrix	T,J,S,D,P,A,X,B
Pink Floyd	T,J,C,S,A,E,Y,P
Adam Ant	T,J,S,P,A,D,E
Rush	T,J,S,P,D,Z,X,Y,A,E
38 Special	T
Police	T,J,C,P,D,A,X,E,B,K,Y
Sting	T,P,J
The Doors	T,J,P,D,A,X,E,B
Nightrangers	T,J,S,C

John Waite	T
Madam X	T
Rough Cut	T
Hellion	T
Man 'O War	T
Triumph	T
Ghuffra	T
Duran Duran	T
The 3 Stooges	T,J,P
New Edition	T,P
Sammy Hagar	T,J,S
Chicago	T
WHAM	T,P,Z,A
The Beatles	T,P,D,B,X,D,A,K,F
Billy Squier	T,J,P,A
STYX	T,J,P
Loverboy	T,J,E
Boy George &	T,J,P,X,A
Culture Club	T,J,E,P,A,Z,V
Journey	T,J,P,D,A,E
The Clash	T,J,P,E,R
Apollonia	S,T,J,P,E,R
Jim Morrison	T,J,S,P,A,E,B,K
The Who	T,P,F,A,Y,Z

Slade	T,S
Hall & Oates	T,J,K
John Cougar	T,P
Paul Young	T,S,P
Tina Turner	T,P
Kick Axe	T
British Flag	T,J,B,A,E,D,Z
Skull	T,B,A,E,X
Heavy Metal Rules	T,J
Long Live Rock & Roll	T,X
Pretenders	P,S,C,E,A
Bruce Lee	T,J,P
Genesis	P,E,J,X
Prince	P,T,J,A
Deep Purple	P,A,T,J,E
Cyndi Lauper	P,A,T
ZZ Top	P,T,J,S
Power Station	P,T
Bryan Adams	P,J
Joan Jett	P,T,J
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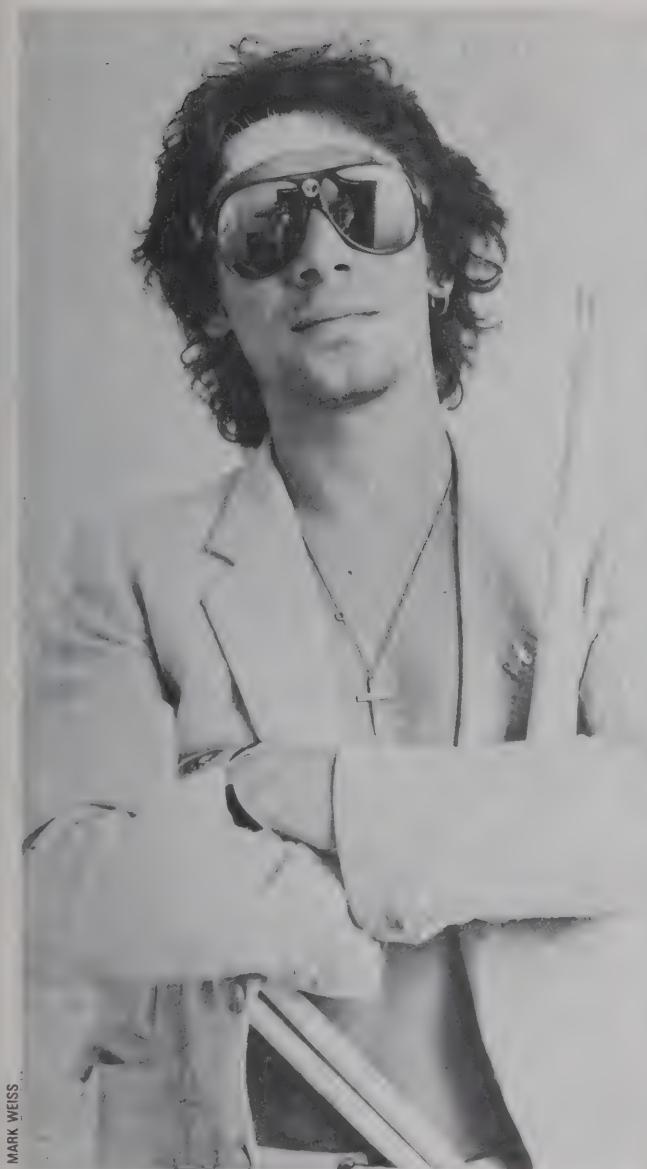
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Nikki Sixx knows that his eyeballs could melt you on the spot.

MAD EM SHADES

It's said that the eyes are the mirror of the soul. So what does it mean if you can't see someone's eyes? In the world of heavy metal, a pair of cool shades

are sometimes more important than a hit record. After all, you've got to look good — even if you ain't got no soul.



Alex Van Halen's glasses hide his look of anguish as he castrates himself with his own drum sticks.



Don't tell anyone, but Ozzy picks up his shades from New York street vendors for \$2 a pair.



Jon Bon Jovi knows that if he looked any cooler he'd be declared legally dead.

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Ratt's Warren DeMartini: "I'm really never satisfied with my playing. I keep working on it whenever I can. I plan on bringing new elements into it all the time. I never want to become predictable."

The immortal Randy Rhoads: Rumors persist that a live Ozzy Osbourne LP, featuring Randy's stellar axe work, will be released later this year.



NEIL ZLOZOWER



Jake E. Lee



Dokken's George Lynch

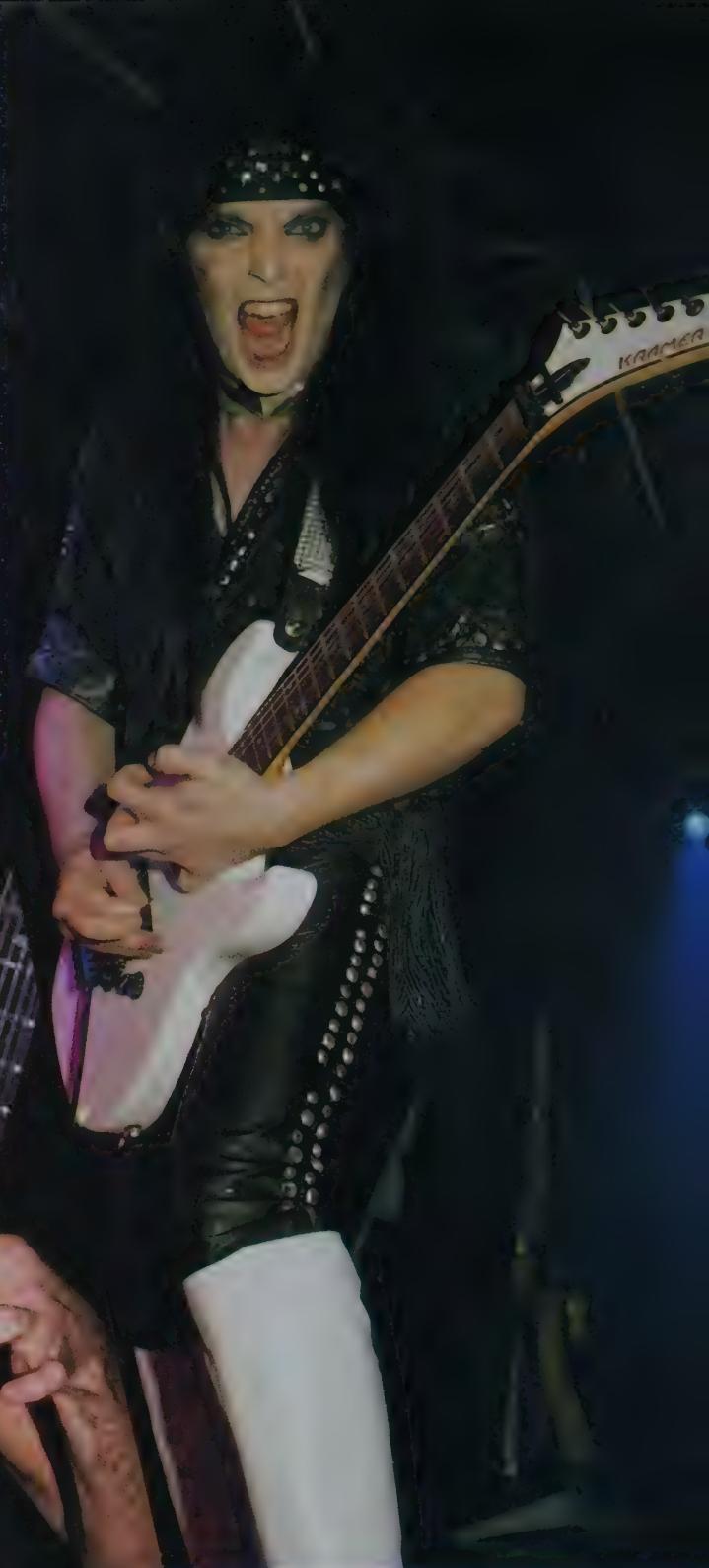




Motley Crue's Mick Mars: "When I'm on stage, the way I play ▷ depends on what I'm thinking about. If it's about boning a lot of women, I play real loud and hard."

Quiet Riot's Carlos Cavazo: "I've always tried to be part of the ▽ band more than anything else. It gets me mad when I hear guitarists who are playing notes just to get themselves more attention."

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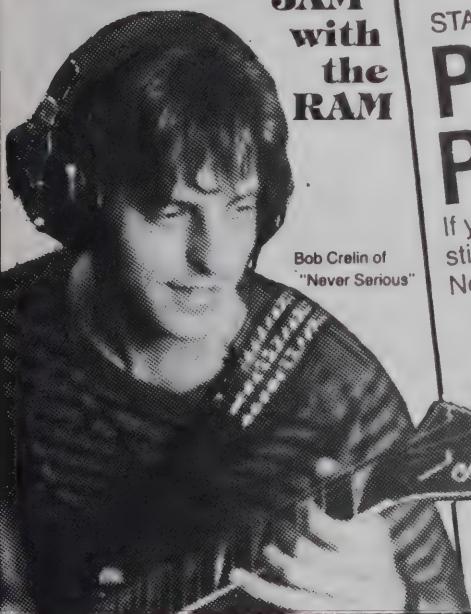
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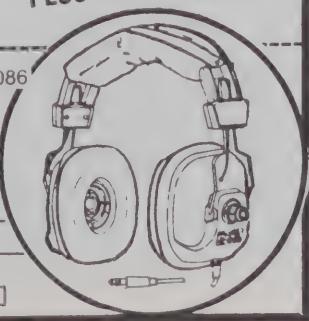
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Bad Company: A reader wants to see them get back together.

What's the story with Bad Company. They were one of my favorite bands in the mid-70's, and now I hear they might be getting back together. That would be great. I could dig that. But what would happen to the Firm? Maybe if Page leaves that band, he'll get Zeppelin flying again. Yeah!

Iron Mike Hogan
Brooklyn, NY

Why do people enjoy dumping on Motley Crue. Don't they realize that the Crue is the best band ever? They look great and make the best music in the world. Nikki Sixx, if you're reading this, I love you.

Nicole R.

Metal sucks and anyone who likes it is probably a mental degenerate. I hate metal and I'm smart. So there.

The K.
Phoenix, AZ

I loved your photo feature on where the guys in Kiss are now. I was a little disappointed, however, when you didn't really say too much about Peter Criss' new band. I hear he's in a group called Balls Of Fire that's got a chick lead singer. How does the band look? I'd sell my soul to see a picture of 'em. I figure if anybody's gonna have a picture of Pete's new band, it'll be you guys.

The Cat Person II
Fresno, CA



Former Kiss drummer Peter Criss (second from left) leads Balls Of Fire into action.



Alright already! You want Motorhead? You've got 'em.

Marillion are stars in Europe. They're not that big over here. People should listen to them because they'll like what they hear. That's for sure. Fish, their singer, has one of the best voices around, and they write songs that really have meaning.

Barbara Taylor
U.S.A.

I love heavy metal, but why can't you put pictures of some of my other favorite artists in

your great magazine. Sure I dig VH, Crue and Kiss. But I'm into Duran, Bowie and Sting too. They look great, and they make good music too. Metal rules, but there should be a place for every kind of music in your magazine.

K.L.

I want Motorhead! I want Motorhead! I want Motorhead! I want Motorhead! I want Motorhead!

Motormad

How come you run photos that look fuzzy? A friend of mine says it's because you're cheap and run copies of original shots. Somebody else said it wasn't really your fault, but that your printing press sucked. Which one's the truth? I like *Hot Shots* a lot. In fact, it's my favorite magazine. I hope you're not being cheap.

R.K.
Boston, MA



Marillion: Why aren't they big in America?

PAUL COX



Dave Holland: The backbone of Judas Priest.

I'm a huge Judas Priest fan. (Actually I'm not that huge, I'm only 5 foot-4). How come we always see pictures of Rob, K.K. and Glenn in mags, but never that metal piledriver, Dave Holland. He's the backbone of Priest, and it's time he got some recognition.

Hell Bent For Metal
Toronto, Canada

GEOFF THOMAS



Kuni Takeuchi: The new Japanese hot shot guitarist.

Recently I heard an album by a Japanese guitarist named Kuni Takeuchi, who's a 21-year-old prodigy from Japan. I don't know what he looks like, though I hear he's into some pretty strange stuff. Could you find a photo of Kuni for me? Thanks!!

Rudi Wells
Oakland, CA

A few issues back, you ran a photo feature on Iron Maiden called *Live And Death in 3/4 Time*. There was a picture of Dave Murray and Adrian Smith in there where it looked like they were wearing bathrobes. I thought that was real funny. I'm glad to see that certain bands

don't take themselves very seriously. That's a problem with a lot of bands. They think everyone has to worship at their feet. It's great to see a band like Iron Maiden — the best metal band around — laugh at themselves.

Maria Osserman
Minneapolis, MN

I think you've got to cover more new bands in *Hot Shots*. I love your *New Faces* column, but I'd like to see more of those bands. Maybe you can run a big color feature on them and run some live shots so we can see what they look like on stage. Keep up the good work.

Mike Barnett
Ft. Lauderdale, FL

How come you wimps try to force crap bands like Def Leppard or Van Halen on us? They're not metal — they're garbage. Wise up or I'll never buy your rag again.

Weasel breath
Oklahoma City, OK

People say that pictures are worth a thousand words, and when it comes to your mag, that's true. I love your photos of all the big stars of heavy metal. Just one request, run more on Ratt.

Ginny Alfonse
Washington, D.C.

METAL MANIA!

Gene Simmons' ugly sister Ramona recently won first prize in a Lanie Kazan look-alike contest. (Actually that's Gene dressed for a scene in his new movie *Never Too Young Too Die*.)

"Tee hee, I remember when Gene was still in training bras," blurts Simmons' former Kiss-mate Ace Frehley.

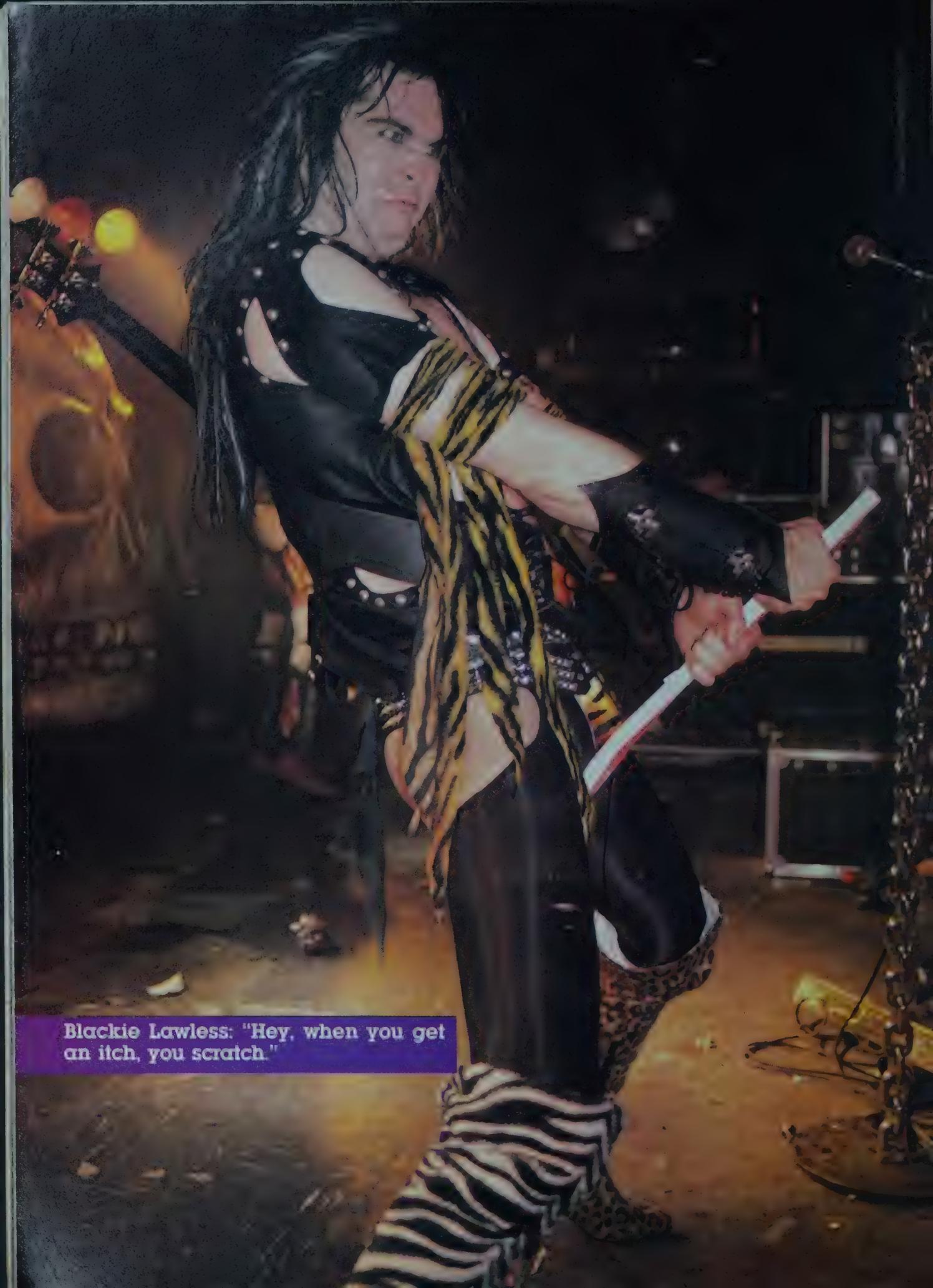


NEIL A. CALANDRA



VINNIE ZUFFANTE/STAR FILE

METAL MANIA!



A dynamic photograph of Blackie Lawless, lead singer of the band Blue Öyster Cult, captured during a live performance. He is shown from the waist up, wearing a black leather vest over a white tank top, paired with dark pants featuring a prominent zebra-striped cuff at the hem. His signature long, dark hair is visible. He is leaning forward, his right hand gripping a microphone stand and his left hand holding a guitar neck. The background is a dark stage environment with other musicians and equipment visible.

Blackie Lawless: "Hey, when you get
an itch, you scratch."

METAL MANIA!

Ricbie Sambora of Bon Jovi proves he can play guitar with his eyes closed.

Those wild and crazy guys in Keel are thrilled to find out that the American public now prefers safe capsules over those troublesome drug capsules.



JEFFREY MAYER



NEIL CALANORA

A full-page photograph of David Lee Roth. He is positioned in the center, wearing a dark, long-sleeved shirt featuring a dense, tropical floral print. He has his hands raised near his face, with his fingers partially hidden by a cluster of pink flowers. Five women in bikinis are surrounding him, each holding a different type of flower. One woman is on the far left, another is behind him, one is to his right, one is in front of him, and one is on the far right. The women are dressed in various colors including red, yellow, blue, and white. The background is dark and moody.

David Lee Roth

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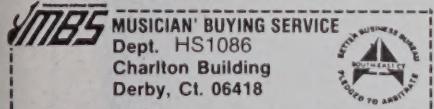
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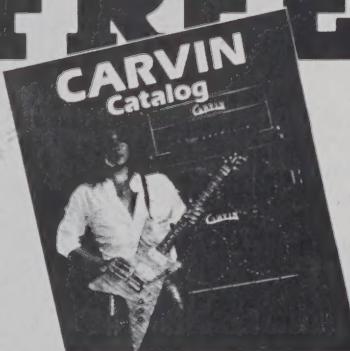
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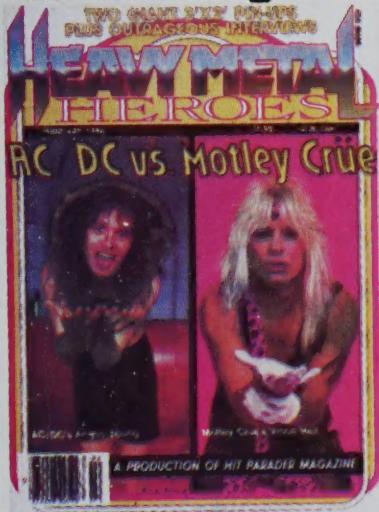


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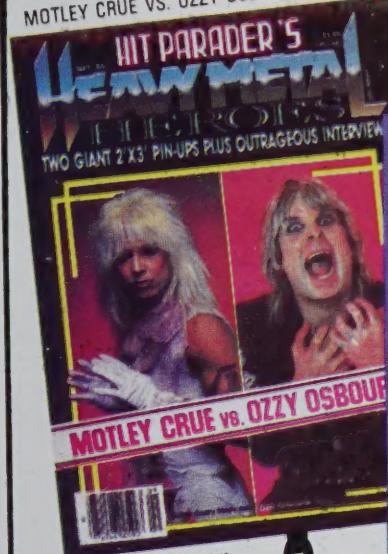
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